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11. (s) Ambassador conveyed message in reftel to Turkish D/CHOD Gen. Saygun during a meeting October 16. Saygun appreciated the follow up and said he will be in touch with the Turkish Air Force and others regarding US plans for overflights closer to the Iraq-Turkey border. He made no further mention of his request in August for Turkey to be able to fly such missions.

2.(s) As these missions proceed, it will be critically important to ensure that there is affirmative action to ensure the Turks are aware of them in advance so as to preclude any misunderstanding. Prompt relay of the relevant information these flights provide will also be helpful.

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